



# DV2015



## **DON'T BE FOOLED!** **KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THE DV**

**Here's what the U.S. EMBASSY Wants You to Know:**

**The following information is for anyone who intends to apply for a U.S. Diversity Visa (DV) at the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa. If you do not meet the criteria below, you will not be issued a visa. The U.S. Embassy is not authorized to refund any money after an applicant has had an interview with an American Consular Officer.**

- **APPLYING:** The Department of State only accepts complete E-DV entry forms submitted electronically at [dvlottery.state.gov](http://dvlottery.state.gov) during the registration period between noon EDT (GMT-4), Tuesday, October 1, 2013 and noon EDT (GMT-4), Saturday, November 2, 2013. No paper applications will be accepted. **Only enter ONCE.** If you enter more than once, your application will be automatically disqualified.
- **ENTRY/PHOTOGRAPHS:** You and **ONLY YOU** are responsible for your entry, even if someone else submits it on your behalf. If the names, information, or photographs in your entry are incorrect, your entry will be disqualified.
- **SELECTION:** You will **ONLY** receive confirmation of your successful candidacy **online** at [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov), through the E-DV Entry Status Check. The Entry Status Check will also be how selectees are informed of their DV visa interview appointment date. Applicants will be able to check their status for DV-2015 on or around May 1, 2014. **Do not make travel plans until the process is completed.** Winning the DV lottery does not guarantee you will receive a visa. You must still prove you qualify for the visa.
- **FEES:** There is **NO FEE** to enter the DV Lottery. You do not need an agent or an attorney to complete your entry or application for you. Winners **ONLY** pay fees **in person** to the U.S. Embassy when you appear for your interview. **Do not pay fees in advance or to anyone outside the U.S. Embassy!**
- **SPONSOR:** You do **NOT** need a U.S. sponsor – or any sponsor – to qualify for the DV.
- **MARRIAGE:** You do **NOT** need to be married to qualify for a DV. **DO NOT** engage in a fraudulent marriage for any reason. **Falsely claiming a marriage relationship will cause you to be ineligible to travel to the U.S. for the rest of your life!**
- **FAMILY:** Failing to identify and include your spouse and **ALL** unmarried children under the age of 21 on your application at the time you submit your DV entry make you ineligible for a DV Visa.
- **EDUCATION:** The Government of Ethiopia has made changes to the educational system. As a result, many students enrolled in a Technical and Vocational program no longer meet the educational requirements of the DV. The DV program requires completion of 12 years of basic

educational courses. Purely vocational education or training does not meet the DV requirements. Therefore, to qualify for the DV you MUST have at least one of the following:

- **An ESLCE** (12<sup>th</sup> grade) or Higher Education Entrance Qualification certificate showing at least **FIVE** passing grades (A to D), or
- Certificate of completion of 10th grade plus three years of vocational school or professional study (10+3) that include **three years of math, English and civics** (common courses), or
- Graduation from an Ethiopian Military School.

- **WORK EXPERIENCE:** Work qualifications may be used if educational requirements are not met. Qualified work experience is defined as at least two years of full-time employment during the past five years in an occupation that requires at least three years of college training or experience. **Do NOT apply for the DV if you don't have the required education or two years of relevant work experience based on the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Skills List found at [online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org).**
- **E-MAIL:** The U.S. Government will **NEVER** contact you via e-mail to say that you have won the DV 2015. You will **ONLY** receive confirmation of your candidacy online at [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov), through the E-DV Entry Status Check. **All e-mail notifications are fraudulent!**
- **MAIL:** There is no paper entry form for DV 2015. **All paper DV entry forms are fraudulent!** As well, the U.S. Government will **NEVER** contact you via postal mail to say that you have won the DV 2015. You will **ONLY** receive confirmation of your candidacy online at [www.dvlottery.state.gov](http://www.dvlottery.state.gov), through the E-DV Entry Status Check. **All notifications received through the post office are fraudulent!**
- **DOCUMENTS:** DO NOT submit fake documents to the U.S. Embassy. **Fake documents will automatically disqualify you.**
- **INTERVIEWING:** If selected, you will be required to bring the following documents to your consular interview. For documents not in English, you must obtain English translations.

Documents you need to bring to the interview:

- Passport
- Birth certificates
- Marriage certificate (if married)
- Divorce certificate (if applicable)
- Medical certificate (provided from an approved physician)
- Police certificate
- Police certificate from other country (if applicant lived in a different country of nationality for more than 12 months when the applicant was 16 years or older at that time)
- Deportation paper (if applicable)
- Court and Prison records (if applicable)
- Military record (if applicable)
- Evidence of required education (certified by National Organization for Examinations) or Work experience
- One photo full face (50mm square)
- DV processing and application fee of \$330 USD per applicant